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Administrative Memorandum

SUBJECT: Per Diem and Mileage Rates for REA Travelers

Effective immediately, per diem and mileage allowances for all REA personnel in travel status will be paid in accordance with the following rates and conditions:

1. Per diem allowances shall be as follows:
  - a. \$7.00 per diem shall be allowed for each of the first 30 calendar days of temporary assignments to one duty station; except that \$8.00 shall be allowed for the day of arrival in a town the population of which is 50,000 or more, and \$8.00 for each succeeding day, up to 30 days, the night of which is spent in such town.
  - b. \$6.00 per diem shall be allowed for each of the second 30 calendar days of temporary assignments to one duty station; except that \$7.00 per diem shall be allowed if such temporary assignment is in a town the population of which is 50,000 or more.
  - c. \$5.00 per diem shall be allowed for each of the third 30 calendar days of temporary assignments to one duty station; except that \$6.00 per diem shall be allowed if such temporary assignment is in a town the population of which is 50,000 or more.
  - d. No per diem in excess of 90 calendar days shall be allowed for assignment to one duty station without prior approval of the Administrator.
  - e. The population, as referred to above, shall be taken from the latest official U. S. Census report.

The above rates, shall be increased by \$2.00 for travel performed in the Territory of Alaska.

2. As used in Paragraph 1 above, a "temporary assignment" shall be considered to be a continuous temporary assignment until terminated except that absence from such a temporary station for a period in excess of 7 days shall be considered as terminating such assignment. In the event that the traveler is ordered to return to such duty station thereafter, it shall be considered as the commencement of a new period of temporary assignment for duty.



3. Mileage allowances shall be as follows:
  - a. Six cents per mile for the use of privately-owned automobiles or airplanes in those instances where such mode of travel has been determined to be advantageous to the Government.
  - b. Four cents per mile for the use of privately-owned automobiles or airplanes in those instances where the specific assignment could be performed satisfactorily by means of common carrier as set forth in Administrative Memorandum MT-M4, issued May 31, 1949.
  - c. Four cents per mile for the use of privately-owned motorcycles.
4. This memorandum supersedes all other existing instructions in conflict with the provisions of this memorandum.

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